

On page 6 of the Substitute Specification please substitute the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

B4 With this diaper 1, in a manner similar to the elastic zone associated with the waist-hole 16, each of the elastic zones 19 associated with the leg-holes 17 should be elastically stretchable to a dimension longer than, at least by 1.3 times, preferably at least by 2 times and more preferably at least by 3 times of an actual dimension as measured along the length surrounding edge 27 of the crotch covering zone 26. Such elastic zone 19 may comprise elastically stretchable rubber ribbon and a stretchable covering sheet. 44

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

B5 sub C1 1. (Twice Amended) A disposable diaper having a front waist region, a rear waist region, a crotch region, a waist hole and a pair of leg-holes, said diaper further comprising:

at least one of said front and rear waist regions including a covering zone formed integrally with said crotch region and an elastic zone extending continuously along a full length in a circumferential direction of said at least one of said front and rear waist regions to define at least part of said waist-hole;

said elastic zone including a first member that is elastically stretchable in said circumferential direction of said at least one of said front and rear waist regions to a length greater than a transverse length of said covering zone and a second member covering said first member; and

said second member being inelastically stretchable to a length greater than the transverse length of said covering zone and attached to an upper edge of said covering zone